

December 1982.

Next Meeting.

As Christmas approaches once more, you will be wanting to make room in the shack for new equipment. To help you out of this predicament, we have arranged for the "Christmas Clearout" to take place at the Marconi College, Harbour Lane on December 7th at 7.30 p.m. It would be helpful if items for sale could be labelled with the sellers name and reserve price, if any. The club will take 10% of proceeds for club funds, but any large items can be negotiated. Master of Ceremonies this year will be John G8DET aided and abetted by Peter G4DAN and Les G4CUT.

Last Months Meeting.

The evening of November 2nd opened with a recording of signals of some members of the Society as heard at the station of ZL1AUM in the presence of Roy G3PMX and Ela G6HKM in April of this year. Thus the scene was set for "A tour of New Zealand as seen through the camera lens of G3PMX". Roy had arranged synchronised projectors for showing his slides so that each picture could be dissolved into the next one enabling some 300 slides to be shown in just over an hour. New Zealand has some very dramatic scenery and Roy had captured this extremely well on film. We saw pictures of several amateurs and their stations that Roy visited on his travels, and of a 'busy' main road, a mile long stretch with one car on it ! The slides were of a very high standard and shown very professionally and we would like to thank Roy for all his effort in putting the evening together.

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday December 15th, Sportsmans Arms, Hatfield Peverel, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Amendments to accounts.

Our Treasurers have advised us that due to a minor decimal error some adjustments are needed to the accounts published at the A.G.M. Raffle income is adjusted to £40.92. Raffle expenditure adjusted to £23.40, club expenses adjusted to £37.58 and cash in hand adjusted to £5.20. The net result is that the totals of each column are now £692.94.

Your Committee.

There was an omission in the list of committee members in last months newsletter. Assistant Treasurer is of course John Bowen, G8DET, sorry John we didn't mean to leave you out. The Chairman has received a letter of resignation from Barry G6LIS as his business commitments mean he is unable to continue as a committee member.

New Members.

The Society would like to welcome the following new members :-

Mrs. Virginia Brackenbury SWL.	George Cutting G3GNQ.	Martin Final SWL.
Jeff Herbert G4JJH.	Keith Heward SWL.	Dave Steward G4OLU.
Gwyn Williams SWL.		

Daphne has now produced a fact sheet about the Society and its activities in general for the benefit of new members. If any new members would like a copy, would they see Daphne G8WQZ at the meetings.

Other News.

We have pleasure in giving below names of members who are willing to show newly licenced members or those studying for the R.A.E. around their stations, to see how a station is operated. Anyone interested is asked to contact the member directly and of course if you would like to be on the list as well, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Les Turner G4CUT, West Chelmsford, 66993.

Brian Thwaites G3CVI, Gt. Baddow (Friday evenings and school holidays) Chelmsford 71919.

Roy Martyr, G3PMX, Great Waltham, Chelmsford 360545.

Andrew Mead, G4KQE, Silver End, S.E. 83094..

There is going to be a new exhibition next year at Birmingham. The exhibition previously held at Alexander Palace has been moved. We are considering organising a coach trip for one of the days. If you would like to go I am taking names now.

Regretfully there are still a few members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions for the coming year. If renewals are not received by the next meeting we are afraid that this will be your last newsletter. We hope that you would like to join us for a further year.

This month there will be a special Christmas raffle. Prizes to include a home made Christmas cake and a box of chocolates. See Daphne at the meeting for your tickets - 20p for 5, in addition we will draw the bumper raffle this month, the prize is the R.S.G.B. publication "Amateur Radio Operating Manual".

Quizically Questioning the Q-code - Bill Cole G4JWU.

This is a code, meant to be used on morse (CW) transmissions. It allows stations using different native languages to exchange predetermined messages. Each Q code is sent as a question, the reply using the same Q code. It was adopted by the amateur service for CW use, and developed into a 'slang' or 'gimmick' language for use on 'phone. Out of the 100 or so codes used by British Telecom stations, the following are in common amateur use :

<u>CODE.</u>	<u>OFFICIAL MEANING.</u>	<u>AMATEUR MEANING.</u>
QRA	What is the name of your vessel (station) ?	Location on the QRA locator map
QRK	What is the intelligibility of my signals ?	How much did your rig cost ?
QRM	Is my transmission being interfered with ?	Man made interference.
QRN	Are you troubled by static ?	Natural (static) interference
QRO	Shall I increase Tx power ?	I have a 1KW Linear
QRP	Shall I decrease Tx power ?	I have 22mW and a piece of wet string for an aerial.
QRT	Shall I stop sending ?	I can't take any more of this. I'm going to watch the box (T.V)
QRX	When will you call me again ?	My foot's gone to sleep, hold on while I walk round the block
QRZ	Who is calling me ?	Same meaning, usually used when nobody called
QSB	Are my signals fading ?	Used as a noun for fading
QSK	Can I break in between your signals ?	Ability to hear the other between elements of your own transmission
QSL	Can you acknowledge receipt ? (of a radiogram)	Please send me a Post-card
QSO	Can you communicate with.... direct (or by relay)	A chat using radio
QSP	Will you relay to?	Please tell that
QSY	Shall I change transmission to another frequency ?	"PLEASE QSY" - used to get yourself a clear frequency
QTC	How many telegrams have you to send?	Manna from Heaven (RSGB news in RADCOM)
QTH	What is your position in Latitude and Longitude ?	I live at

73, see you at the meeting,

Andrew.

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Silver End
Witham, Essex.

FOR SALE. ZX81 computer, 16K RAM and manual. Programming tape and manual, £65, as new.
Bob Cloke, Chelmsford 469205

WANTED. Good value at £2.50 (£1.15 for Senior Citizens and Students) subscriptions to C.A.R.S. for the year to October 1983. See Daphne at the next meeting.